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SCHOLARS PROGRAM

JWS PROGRAM INFORMATION

What is the JWS Program?
- A community of outstanding Wharton undergraduates who have agreed to be part of a program that emphasizes scholarly research and the liberal arts and sciences within the framework of a business education.
- A curriculum that includes scholars courses and course sections within Wharton, and which requires scholars seminars being taken in the College of Arts and Sciences through simultaneous participation in the Benjamin Franklin Scholars Program. These courses usually offer more intense inquiry, smaller settings, closer contact with faculty and peers, and more opportunities to write.
- A clearinghouse for research opportunities and recruitment contacts.
- Personal mentoring by the JWS director and faculty members with whom students interact through courses, collaborative research, and meetings concerning curriculum and career opportunities.
- An opportunity to form relationships that will enhance cooperative learning at Penn and extend well beyond the four-year experience.

How do students enter the program?
Freshmen are selected in conjunction with the Benjamin Franklin Scholars Program and Penn’s Undergraduate Admissions Office during the admissions process.

On campus, Wharton students may apply to the Benjamin Franklin Scholars Program at the end of either their freshman or sophomore years (May 15 deadline). If accepted, there is no additional application process to enter the JWS Program; Wharton students in the BFS Program meet with the JWS director to discuss the additional JWS requirements, which, if agreed to, permit immediate inclusion in the program. Relevant information can be found on the Undergraduate Division website and the BFS website.

What scholars courses exist and how many need to be taken?
Those entering upon matriculation in the freshman year: 3 non-Wharton BF Seminars and 4 Wharton honors courses (which can include BF Seminars in Wharton);

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- Benjamin Franklin Seminars: see list at www.upenn.edu/curf/bfs/bfs-current-courses/.
- Wharton honors courses, or Wharton courses that have honors sections:
  - BEPP 250 – Managerial Economics (spring only; by application)
  - STAT 430 – Probability (or ESE 301); requires MATH 114
  - STAT 431 – Mathematical Statistics (or ESE 302); requires MATH 114
  - LGST 101 – Introduction to Law and Legal Process (Wharton BF Seminar)
  - LGST 210 – Corporate Responsibility and Ethics (Wharton BF Seminar)
  - LGST 215 – Environmental Management Law and Policy (Wharton BF Seminar)
  - MGMT 101 – Introduction to Management (by application)
  - MKTG 101 – Introduction to Marketing
  - FNCE 100 – Corporate Finance (fall only; by application)
  - FNCE 101 – Monetary Economics (with Profs. Siegel or Souleles; Spring only; by application)
  - MKTG/STAT 476 – Applied Probability Models in Marketing
  - WH 399 – JWS Senior Research Seminar (all year; 1 CU)
What other requirements are there in addition to taking scholars classes?
- Graduate with at least a 3.4 GPA (i.e., cum laude honors),
- Perform a significant senior research project as part of WH 399 – JWS Senior Research Seminar – which is waived for those who perform research for credit through another opportunity, such as a coordinated-dual-degree-program thesis, honors thesis in another school (e.g., Honors PSCI, IR, HIST, ECON), research-based independent study, or Wharton Research Scholars

Besides the academic options noted, what else characterizes the JWS Program?
- Activities planned by the JWS Society Board
  - Student-alumni dinners in NYC (fall) and DC (spring)
  - Alumni presentations and chats on campus
  - Mentoring (seniors and juniors with sophomores and freshmen)
  - Social events (e.g., study breaks, bowling, dancing, Phillies games)
  - Professional development (coaching for internship and job interviews; alternative career paths)
- Tutoring and community service—many Joseph Wharton Scholars offer tutoring through Penn’s Tutoring Center or privately or serve as mentors for elementary and secondary students in Philadelphia.